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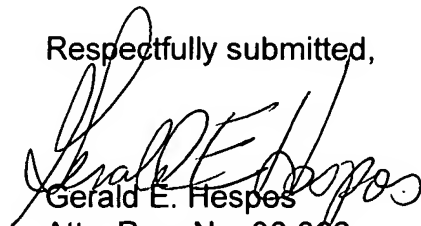
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This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies one Japanese reference and one U.S. patents. A copy of the Japanese reference is attached as well. The Japanese reference includes a connector with an inertial locking mechanism. Inertial locking mechanisms are described in paragraphs 0002 and 0003 of the subject application in the context of a differently configured connector as illustrated in FIG. 9 of the subject application.

U.S. Patent No. 6,416,346 is assigned to the assignee of the subject invention and relates to a connector with grooves and ribs to prevent the connector housings from being fit together in a misaligned manner.

The Examiner is requested to consider these references during the examination and to make the references of record.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		6,416,346	7-2002	Nakamura			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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							YES	NO
		2002-25696	2002	Japan				✓

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